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SUB: THE DAILY GLEANER ON SUGAR, JAMAICAN FOREIGN POLICY

1. IN A LONG EDITORIAL OCTOBER 10, THE DAILY GLEANER STATED PUBLICLY WHAT MANY JAMAICAN BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN THINKING PRIVATELY SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REDUCTION IN THE 1974 WEST INDIES SUGAR QUOTA. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION OF THE SUGAR SITUATION AND THE DELETERIOUS EFFECT THE US REDUCTION WILL HAVE ON THE WEST INDIES' NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC, THE GLEANER NOTES THAT THE ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE THE USDA FAILURE TO REDUCE THE 1973 QUOTA ON THE BASIS OF THE 1972 RESULTS AS "AN OVERSIGHT" IS "QUITE RIDICULOUS". THE EDITORIAL THEN ASKS WHETHER "THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WHISPERING IN THE EAR OF THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE NEW FOREIGN POLICY OF SOME WEST INDIAN COUNTRIES?"

2. COMMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST EDITORIAL COMMENT LINKING THE SUGAR QUOTA REDUCTION WITH JAMAICAN MOVES ON CUBA, CHINA AND THE THIRD WORLD AND WILL PROBABLY

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OPEN THE DOORS TO MORE. GIVEN THE TIMING OF THE USDA

ANNOUNCEMENT (MANLEY HAD JUST VISITED WITH CASTRO)
IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE MANY JAMAICANS, GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS OR BUSINESSMEN THAT THE U.S. MOVE IS
NOT A FORM OF RETALIATION. HEWITT

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